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1. INVESTIGATION OF WHY "H" CAMERA FAILED TO COVER MISSION TARGETS REVEALED THAT CAMERA ANGLE CONTROL SWITCH WAS NOT SWITCHED FROM MANUAL TO PRE-SET POSITION PER GREEN CARD CHECK LIST INSTRUCTIONS. THIS WAS DUE COMPLETELY TO PILOT ERROR. THIS BASED ON FOLLOWING FACTS:

A. IN PILOT BRIEFING AND ROUTE STUDY ON DAY PRIOR TO MSN 7 JAN FLT PLANNERS BRIEFED PILOT THAT PRE-SET CONTROL WOULD BE USED AND THAT PRIOR TO FIRST FLT LINE AT PT D, HE SHOULD SWITCH CONTROL TO PRE-SET POSITION AND CHECK CAMERA ANGLE FOR 70.0 DEGREES RIGHT. HE SHOULD ALSO CHECK FOR "PRE-SET" GREEN LIGHT INDICATING CAMERA IN PRE-SET POSITION.

B. ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS REPEATED BY FLT PLANNER DURING BRIEFING PRIOR TO FLT ON 8 JAN.

C. MYCON TECH REP ALSO BRIEFED PILOT ON CAMERA

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OPERATION PRIOR TO FLT. INCLUDED IN BRIEFING WAS FOLLOWING:

"BEFORE YOUR FIRST FLT LINE, RE-CHECK PRE-SET ANGLE AND TURN YOUR CONTROL SWITCH TO PRE-SET POSITION, THE GREEN LIGHT ON YOUR PRE-SET PANEL WILL COME ON." ALL ON TAPE.

D. PRE-FLIGHT AND POST FLIGHT INSPECTION OF CAMERA SHOWED PERFECT WORKING ORDER OF ALL COMPONENTS. ADDITIONAL CHECK ON 9 JAN BY NYCON PERSONNEL AND [] COMMANDER SHOWED PERFECT OPERATION OF ALL COMPONENTS, SWITCHES, AND LIGHTS.

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E. ON GREEN FLIGHT INSTRUCTION CARD ALL INSTRUCTIONS, INCLUDING SWITCHING TO PRE-SET POSITION, HAD BEEN CHECKED OFF BY PILOT.

F. CHECK OF TAKE SHOWS MANY BLURRED FRAMES, VARYING CAMERA ANGLE, AND CHANGING COVERAGE WHICH WOULD OCCUR IF PILOT WAS USING HAND CONTROL FOR NAVIGATION AND CAMERA SWITCH WAS STILL IN MANUAL POSITION.

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